

MODISPAUGH MURDERED; FOUR YOUNG MEN HELD

Tragedy is Enacted in Front of Hugh Wines' Home in Alta Vista Early Sunday Morning--Wines Holds Up Four Young Men With a Gun Until Officers Arrive.

Modispaugh's Neck Was Broken by a Heavy Blow--Coroner Impanels Jury and Post Mortem Inquest is Held--Supposed Men Were Drunk and Got Into a Fight--One of the Men Held Was Implicated in Murder of Ernest Cottrill.

John Modispaugh, forty-four years of age, an employe of the city water works department, was murdered Sunday morning about 3 o'clock in the street in front of Hugh Wines' home in Alta Vista. John Lowery, George Handshumaker, Will Cottrill and Henry Gainer, four grown boys, are in jail under suspicion awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury. Hugh Wines was aroused from his sleep by a racket in front of his house, found the prostrate body of the man lying in his front gate with the four boys standing about. He got a shotgun, leveled it at the young men and threatened to shoot the one who attempted to move from the spot. The coroner was summoned and he had city police called and the four young men were taken to jail.

It was about 3 o'clock in the morning when Coroner W. P. Camp was summoned by telephone to the scene of the tragedy. The telephone call informed him that Modispaugh had been murdered in front of the Wines house and he made haste to the place. Arriving there he found the four young men standing near the body of Modispaugh, lying on the boardwalk just in front of the gate to the Modispaugh yard and Mr. Wines holding them there with a gun. He began an investigation at once and after hearing Mr. Wines' story about being aroused from his sleep, opening his front door and finding the body lying on the boardwalk and holding the young men up with his gun, he sent a call for the city police. Upon examining the body of the murdered man he found that his neck was broken and that there were several bruises upon the upper part of his body as though made by a blunt weapon of some kind. Three or four city policemen arrived on the scene shortly afterward and the four young men were taken to jail and imprisoned.

The coroner notified the Clifford Osborne undertaking establishment and the body of the murdered man was taken to the undertaker's and prepared for burial. Sunday afternoon Coroner Camp impaneled a jury and that body began its session about 3 o'clock. The jury consisted of Messrs. Oliver P. Doughner, Will H. Cole, R. T. Lowndes, Jr., E. H. Rogers, John Long and J. B. Vannort. Dr. Welner conducted a post-mortem examination and it was found that the man's neck had been broken, presumably by a heavy blow or blows from some blunt weapon. There were several dark bruises on the head and upper part of the body. The jury adjourned its session Sunday afternoon late until the next day, before getting fairly started in the examination of the case.

R. T. Lowndes, Jr., one of the jury-men, was called to Philadelphia Monday upon a very important mission and the inquest had to be further postponed until his return.

Little more than the above is known about the murder, and the coroner's jury will have to probe into the case thoroughly to ascertain the manner in which the murdered man came to his death.

There was some kind of a quarrel along the street or road where the murder occurred. People passing in the neighborhood heard loud and angry voices in that vicinity about half past 2 o'clock. Then there was the loud noise as of some one fighting in front of his house which awakened Hugh Wines, who opened his front door and saw the young men and a body lying on the sidewalk. He then held up the young men as above related.

Modispaugh had been working on the city water works force for a long time. He lived on Monticello avenue with his wife and two children. After the post-mortem examination the body was prepared for burial and taken to the home on Monticello avenue. The funeral will take place from there Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial will be in the Elk View cemetery.

George Handshumaker was implicated in the murder of Ernest Cottrill at Lynch's mines about a year ago and was convicted in circuit court and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in jail. It is said that one of the young men admitted he struck Modispaugh and that Modispaugh, dazed by the blow, fell over on the sidewalk and struck his head against the gate post or the boardwalk with such force that it broke his neck. It is stated that he said he was drunk and that the whole crowd had been out for a night's carousal.

CHILDREN'S EXERCISES SUCCESSFUL

At the First Baptist Church Sunday--Very Beautiful Program Was Rendered in Clever Manner.

Children's Day at the Baptist Church yesterday morning was a great success and the auditorium was filled with people to witness the exercises. The program was rendered by the Junior C. E. Society and the primary department of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. R. B. McDanel, Mrs. Amos Payne, Miss Jessie Renshaw and Miss Maud Britton. The pastor presided. Among those who had single recitations were Dana Davis, Glen Rogers, Oliver Barnard, Ralph McDanel, Susan Gordon, Helen Knox, Irene Knox, Maud Hall, Ethel McDanel and Vonda Griffin. Seven boys took part in an exercise entitled "Spreading the Light." Ruth Pew very beautifully sang a solo entitled a "Welcome Song."

The closing exercise was an emblematic piece, "The Song of the Heart," which was most beautifully and impressively rendered. The participants were Hattie Kyle, Ethel McDanel, Mary Coleman, Hazel Kyle, Fern Thompson, Blanche Williams, Laura Leachman, Blanche Bradford, Maud Holmick and Ruth Pew. A large heart decorated with green vines was on the platform, on which first was placed a black cross by life's discouraged pilgrims. Evangels of Joy and Hope endeavor to cheer the weary one, and twine the cross with flowers. Then, summoning a company of other cheerful ones, they placed upon the heart a musical staff, and then each in turn placed a note upon the staff the notes being flower wreaths. These notes when all placed formed the first line of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and the discouraged pilgrim, cheered by these heartening words, is lifted out of her despondency and sings with the others. The exercise was a sermon in itself.

The pulpit was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and an offering was given to the missionary work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

RECOVERING BODIES

Of the Victims of the Slocum Disaster Five Having Been Found Today and Others Expected.

By Associated Press.
New York, June 20.—Five more bodies of victims of the Slocum disaster were found today. It is expected still more will be found during the day.

Kentucky Judge Dies.

By Associated Press.
Lexington, Ky., June 20.—Judge J. Soule Smith, a prominent Mason, died suddenly here today of heart disease.

ORGANIZERS ENJOINED

Copies of Injunctions Issued by Judge Jackson Served on Springer, Haggerty and Flaherty by Deputy Marshal.

John A. Springer, labor agitator and organizer, was served with an injunction here Monday morning by United States Deputy Marshal Dan B. Jackson, of Kingwood. The injunction had been awarded the Pennsylvania Consolidated Coal Company, of Harborton's switch.

Springer and others are restrained by this injunction from agitating, organizing and trespassing on the company's property, as well as from intimidating working miners. It is very much of the blanket sort formerly issued by Judge Jackson against strikers and agitators, except that there is an additional clause preventing them from organizing men.

Springer has his headquarters at Flemington and was former president of this district, No. 17, of the United Mine Workers of America.

The same injunction was served on Thomas Haggerty and Bernard Flaherty at Grafton Saturday. The state supreme court has also issued an injunction against the organizers, preventing them from organizing, agitating and so forth, which is something new in the state courts.

DEATH

Comes to Herbert L. Holman, Colored, at Waldo Annex Sunday Night--Was Employed as Waiter at Waldo Hotel.

Herbert L. Holman, colored, died at his rooms in the Waldo Annex Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock, after a brief illness with pneumonia. The deceased was twenty-six years of age and had been employed at the Waldo Hotel in the capacity of waiter. He was taken ill last Wednesday. His home was in North Carolina, where his parents and relatives live and where he resided until recently, when he came to this city to work. The relatives have been notified and no disposition will be made of the remains until they are heard from. The remains are at the undertaking parlors of the Clifford Osborne Company, where they were taken and prepared for burial.

OIL NEWS

From the Various Fields in This County Shows Considerable Activity in Developments.

In Greenbrier district, this county, the Southern Oil Company has completed the rig for a test on the C. Maxon farm. On Ten Mile creek, in Ten Mile district, the Invincible Oil Company has started to drill at a test on the J. Wilcox farm. On North Fork, Grant district, Wetzel county, Trees, Grant & Co. are drilling their test on the C. B. Highland farm from the Big Injun to the lower samls. On the east side of the Folsom district, in the development near Wallace, this county, E. S. Easton's No. 6 on the B. F. Rogers farm is holding up at 200 barrels a day. In the same district, the South Penn Company's No. 1 on the S. A. Cavalier farm is producing 110 barrels a day.

On the east side of the Folsom district, in this county, the South Penn Company has drilled its test on the D. S. Cunningham farm to a depth of 2,618 feet below the Pittsburgh coal and will give it a shot. In the same district the same company has completed its No. 1 on the Hay-Higgins farm and has a show for a 25-barrel producer in the Gordon. The Fox-Robinson No. 4 has been completed and will be shot. After a protracted fishing job at its No. 18 on the B. W. Peterson farm, the South Penn Company has recovered the tools and has again started to drill.

In the upper end of the Folsom district, in this county, the South Penn Company has recovered the tools at its test on the Elsie A. farm and is now drilling in the Gordon, but has developed no oil or gas. The same company has drilled its No. 6 on the T. J. Parish farm into the top of the Gordon and has hut down to move back the boiler.

Funeral of Mrs. Garrett.

The funeral of Mrs. Artha M. Garrett, who died at 11:30 o'clock Saturday forenoon at the home of her son-in-law, James F. Allen, in Point Comfort, was held at the Allen home at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Rev. Robert B. McDanel, assisted by Dr. Lewis E. Peters officiating, and the interment was in Elk View cemetery, with the Boggess Undertaking Company the funeral directors. A large concourse of sorrowing friends attended the obsequies.

Two Men Enlist.

John Fox, of Reynoldsville, Pa., and Patrick Carey, of Elmora, Pa., enlisted here Monday for the United States army and will be sent to the Infantry at Columbus, Ohio.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

IS ALL IN READINESS FOR THE OPENING TOMORROW, THE FINAL ARRANGEMENT BEING MADE.

TARIFF PLANK WILL BE PLEDGED TO MAKE CHANGES AS CHANGING CONDITIONS REQUIRE.

Senator Fairbanks Refuses to Announce Himself a Candidate for Vice President, but Will Take the Nomination if Offered Him.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 20.—Fairbanks is being urged to make the announcement that he will be glad to have the nomination for vice president. The Indiana delegation meets this forenoon and his decision is expected then. Gov. Odell says New York has not yet determined on a candidate for vice president. Its delegation meets tonight.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 20, 2 p. m.—Senator Fairbanks still refuses to announce himself as a candidate and only reiterates his former statement that the office should not be sought, nor declined.

It is settled that the language of the tariff plank will be a pledge to make such changes as changing conditions require. The present national committee held a final meeting today. Senator Scott, of West Virginia, took the chair and Senator McComas, of Maryland, moved that Acting Chairman Payne be declared chairman for the remainder of the existence of the committee, and it was adopted by a rising vote.

Six Philippine delegates were admitted with power to cast two votes.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long said today his candidate for vice president was Secretary of War William H. Taft, whom he considered in every respect the best available man for the place.

The Indiana delegation made Senator Fairbanks chairman by acclamation. No mention of the vice presidency was made in deference to Fairbanks' wish.

The Chicago Grain Market.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 20.—Wheat, 85c July; corn, 47c; oats, 41c.

The West Virginia delegation endorsed Senator Elkins for vice president and declared its second choice was Fairbanks.

CHILDREN ACQUITTED THEMSELVES

Elegantly at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Observing Children's Day.

Children's Day services at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were very largely attended Sunday night and the program was very fine and greatly appreciated.

The many children of the Sunday school acquitted themselves with great credit and won the deepest appreciation of the older persons who were present.

The exercises were under the direction of Dr. A. S. Carr, superintendent of the Sunday school, assisted by Rev. J. M. Carter, the pastor of the church, the officers and teachers, and the children entered heartily and freely into the execution of the program. They are all to be congratulated over the success of the evening.

DROWNED IN RIVER

Was Frank Lewis, Former Clarksburg Boy, While in Swimming at Mason City.

Frank Lewis, 12-year-old son of S. A. Lewis, a former resident of Clarksburg, was drowned in the Ohio river at Mason City, where the family now resides. The drowning appears to have happened Sunday morning, as a telephone message came to Reece Lewis, uncle of the unfortunate boy, about noon Sunday, informing him of the accident. He left on the night train for Mason City. From what can be learned the boy was swimming in the Ohio river and was seized with cramps. The boys who were with him made heroic but futile efforts to rescue him.

Charles B. Lambert went to Philadelphia on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Martin returned Monday morning from Fairmont, where they visited relatives Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CROWNING EVENT

WAS LARGE, BEAUTIFUL AND BRILLIANT AT GOFF MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

SPLENDID PROGRAM CARRIED OUT IN MOST SUCCESSFUL MANNER BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

Just as the commencement season of the public schools in the crowning of the year's study and work, so is the Children's Day the one great day for the scholars of the Sunday school. It is eagerly looked forward to and made much of by old and young.

The Goff Memorial Episcopal Sunday school is noted for its splendid celebrations of this day and yesterday only added to the laurels of the school. Superintendent J. I. Alexander and his corps of excellent officers and teachers have done most excellent work in the past year and yesterday only "showed off" some of the splendid work that has been accomplished. The ultimate object of Children's Day in the Methodist Episcopal Church is the raising of a fund to aid in the Christian education of Methodist young people in the schools and colleges of the church.

The general title of the program as given in the Telegram Saturday was "Heirs of Tomorrow, or the Legion of the King." While the entire program was given in a most satisfactory manner, perhaps special mention should be made of the two exercises, the "Royal Banquet" and the "Golden Band." In the first "Queen Evangel" Miss Gussie Guller, hears reports of her realm Christian education, from her faithful subjects, "Academius," Miss Lenora Freeman, "Bereus," Miss Lillian Harris, and "Meritus," Miss Iona Smith, and then gives as her royal bequest the entire empire of Christian education to the young people of the church who are the "Heirs of Tomorrow" and who form "The Legion of the King." In the second exercise, "The Golden Band," seven girls are represented as finding or possessing a wondrous golden object. The first, Edna Nutt, has found a "Golden Key"—the key of prayer; the second, Edna Reeder, a "golden star"—Jesus; the third, Myrtle Freeman, has the "Book of Living" while Eulalia Sine bears the "golden heads of wheat," representing the heavenly manna. Mabel Smith with a "golden watch" tells how fast the golden years go by. Mary Arbutnot, a "golden cross" once a sign of shame, but a sign of glory now, and Margaret Robinson, completes the "Golden Band" by exhibiting a "golden crown" and prays the Great King to give to each from thine own hand the everlasting crown. The recitation "Step by Step" by Victor Hess, was well done. The "Heart Pictures," by a class of little boys, was a highly enjoyable exercise.

At the beginning of the services the pastor of the church, Rev. S. K. Aubin, administered the sacrament of baptism to sixteen persons, viz: William Boyd Showalter, Abigail Pearl Harris, Sarah Eloise Johnson, Margarette Johnson, Frances Vadora Dean, Edith Pearl Watkins, Valerie Theresa Higgins, Ada Baker Stady, Cora Margaret Sheets, Mabel Virginia Lynch, Flora Elizabeth Williams, Iris Myers, Iona Fairchilds Smith, Gwella Riley, Emma Susan Nutt and Bessie Marion Goodin.

The offering received for the cause of Christian education was one of the largest ever given by this flourishing Sunday school. Altogether, it was a "red letter" day for the school and the church and will live long as a pleasant memory in the minds of all who were so fortunate as to be present. The church and school regret that many of their friends were unable to find accommodations in the crowded church and reluctantly had to turn away.

Miss Dora Ridenour and a corps of efficient assistants made the church beautiful with potted plants, cut flowers and innumerable daisies. The beautiful national flag, the gift of the Ladies of the G. A. R., was conspicuously displayed over the organ and added color and beauty to the decorations.

It was also the writer's privilege to attend the Children's Day exercises given at the Old Fair Grounds by the West End M. E. Sunday school under the superintendency of Dr. W. R. Andrews. All that has been said of Children's Day above applies with equal force here. Between three and four hundred persons were present despite the threatening weather and the program throughout was excellent and pleasing to the large audience which listened very attentively.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

The county clerk and his deputies have issued marriage licenses as follows: Herbert C. Beverage and Susan C. Bennett, Ruth H. Moore and Anna May Cornwell, George Rabik and Zuzanna Matil.

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GENERAL ENGAGEMENT IS IN PROGRESS

Between the Japanese and Russians Near Kai Chou and Trains Bear Away the Wounded--Russian Vladivostok Squadron is Also Being Engaged Off Oshima.

Over Fifteen Hundred Dead Russian Soldiers Buried by Japanese After Battle at Vafaugow With Work Not Complete--Others Carried Off or Buried by the Russians--Other News From the War.

MEMORIAL DAY

IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED BY THE CLARKSBURG KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT I. O. O. F. CEMETERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Clarksburg lodge No. 39, Knights of Pythias, observed their annual Memorial day Sunday afternoon in a fitting and appropriate manner. The members met at their Castle Hall in Glen Elk at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and, headed by the Clarksburg Opera House Band, marched in parade to the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where the graves of the deceased members of the order were decorated with flowers and wreaths. A short appropriate address was made by Charles W. Gore and the Opera House Band rendered some very beautiful music. The memorial ceremonies of the lodge were held at the cemetery. There was a large turnout of Knights as well as many visitors.

COUNTY COURT

Reconvenes After Recess of Several Days, but Does Little of Importance Monday.

The county court reconvened Monday morning after a recess since Thursday afternoon. But little business was done. Robert B. Phillips qualified as administrator of the estate of Julia A. Phillips, deceased, giving bond of \$1,500.

Albert Barnes took out letters of administration on the estate of Isaac Ash deceased, with bond of \$75.

Driver Injured.

Burt Turner, colored, who drives a team, met with a very painful accident in Glen Elk Monday noon. He was knocked from his wagon to the ground falling under the moving wheels, which passed over him. He received a painful cut in the side of his head, besides sustaining other slight wounds. Although the injuries are very painful, they are not serious, and he is resting nicely at his home on Mechanic street, where he was taken after the accident.

Sergeant Hawthorne Gets Many Recruits.

Sergeant George W. Hawthorne returned to the city Saturday afternoon after an absence of five weeks. In that time he visited Richmond, Sutton, Webster Springs, Weston, Buckhannon and Pickens, securing 35 recruits for the United States army. He resumes charge of the station here and will be assisted by Private C. F. Sleeth, who has had charge of it during his absence.

Big Crowd at Park Play.

The largest crowd yet attended the park theater show Saturday night. The people have at last found out that the company is one of the best in the theater world and are beginning to show their appreciation. The play for tonight will be "A Fool for Luck," a farce comedy drama, and is expected to draw a large house.

New Trial Denied Howard.

By Associated Press.
Frankfort, Ky., June 20.—The court of appeals today overruled the motion for a rehearing of the case of James R. Howard, sentenced to life imprisonment for implication in the Goebel murder.

Commandery Meeting.

Clarksburg Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, will hold a convention in Masonic Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. All Sir Knights are requested to be present.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, June 20.—Gen. Oku reports buried 1,501 Russians after the battle at Vafaugow, and work not complete, others buried or carried off by the Russians.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, June 20.—Patrick of Jerusalem has appointed Viceroy Al-Exell a Knight of the True Cross and has sent to the viceroy a decoration containing a piece of True Cross with a letter expressing the hope that it will preserve him from all harm and enable him to come out victorious with his fight for the Orthodox church.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, June 20.—It is reported that Vice Admiral Kanakura is engaging the Russian Vladivostok squadron off Oshima. The Navy Department has no confirmation of the report.

By Associated Press.
Annapolis, June 20.—The News has a cable dispatch from Gen. Elkins that was imprisoned five days in Port Arthur. It says there is no lack of food. The Russian ships are all repaired. The entrance to the port is open. The garrison numbers from 50,000 to 60,000, and the fortifications are very strong.

By Associated Press.
Liao Yang, June 20.—A general engagement is proceeding near Kai Chou. The first train bearing wounded men passed through here today, going north.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, June 20.—Gen. Strossel reports on June 17 that there was no serious fighting at Port Arthur, and that the siege operations had not begun.

SALEM SUED

For Damages for Injury Done to a Horse, by Reason of the Town's Bad Streets--Tried by Justice.

J. A. Heavner, owner of several teams at Salem, sued the town of Salem before Squire James Bunnagardner for damages for the loss of a horse, caused by the horse getting down in a big mud hole inside the corporation limits on Jack run. Heavner had six horses down in the mud at the same time, and the one which died lay in the mud for about one hour before he could be gotten out.

The suit was tried Saturday in Squire Bunnagardner's court before a jury. Chas. C. Coffman, of this city, represented the plaintiff Heavner, and Judge Farr, of West Union, represented the town of Salem. Several witnesses were examined on both sides and the case took up the whole day. We are informed that it will be carried up to the circuit court.

BURNED TO DEATH

IN SALOON FIRE.
By Associated Press.
Cleveland, June 20.—Anna Novalski and Fritz Wolf were burned to death today and six others injured in a fire in a saloon and boarding house on Columbus street here. Twelve or fifteen persons were sleeping in the premises when the fire started.

Attends Commencement.

Mrs. Thomas B. Seely has gone to Crescon, Pa., to attend the commencement exercises at Mt. Aloysius Academy Wednesday, and will be accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Martha Seely, who is a student there.

Mr. Fisher's Nephew Dead.

George Fisher, of Lewis county, a nephew of John B. Fisher, of Mulberry street, this city, died of typhoid fever a day or so ago.